

To Whom it May Concern,

My Name is Bill, I have been a HAM since 1993, my callsign is N1ONE. I currently hold a Tech license without code credit. I have always wanted to upgrade my license to General Class to gain HF privileges. I have no problem with the written tests, in fact I think they could be a little more difficult than they are. I have never agreed with the Morse code test, Element 1. I disagree with the test, because Morse Code or CW is just a mode of communication. There is no test to verify that an operator of a SSB transmitter can demonstrate proficiency in that mode of communication. In addition, I think that the best way to learn Morse Code or CW is through actual communication on the air. Unfortunately, that is not possible with the current requirement Element 1. Learning Morse Code or CW is NOT a very difficult task, if this petition is unsuccessful at convincing the FCC to remove the Element 1 Morse Code test for HF privileges, then I will learn the Code and take the test. If it is successful, I will still learn the Code.

In closing, I think that Element 1 Morse Code test should be dropped as a requirement for HF privileges.

Regards,

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